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CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE PAUL D. WOLFOWITZ TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

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Mr. NUNN, from the Committee on Armed Services, submitted the following

REPORT

The Committee on Armed Services, having had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Paul D. Wolfowitz to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, reports favorably thereon and recommends the nomination be confirmed by the Senate.

COMMITTEE ACTION

On April 17, 1989, the Senate received from President Bush the nomination of Ambassador Wolfowitz to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. The Committee held a public hearing with Ambassador Wolfowitz on April 19. The Committee also met in executive session with Ambassador Wolfowitz on April 19. In a public session on May 4, the Committee voted unanimously to report the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed by the Senate.

SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW OF AMBASSADOR WOLFOWITZ'S NOMINATION

1. COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

During the 100th Congress, the Committee initiated new procedures for consideration of nominations for civilian appointed positions in the Department of Defense. In addition, the Committee adopted standards to guide its consideration of the qualifications of nominees. The Committee applied these procedures and standards during consideration of Ambassador Wolfowitz's nomination.

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2. REVIEW OF REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS BY THE NOMINEE AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

a. Committee questionnaire

The Committee requires each nominee to complete a questionnaire relating to the nominee's qualifications and potential conflicts of interest. Ambassador Wolfowitz's response to the Committee's questionnaire provided basic biographical and financial information and served as the starting point for the Committee's inquiry into Ambassador Wolfowitz's qualifications and suitability for the position of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. A biographical sketch of Ambassador Wolfowitz is presented as Appendix 1 of this report.

b. Financial disclosure and background materials

As part of the confirmation process, the Committee obtained Ambassador Wolfowitz's tax records for the last 3 years. The Committee also received the letters on conflict of interest and related matters required of the nominee, the Office of Government Ethics, and the General Counsel of the Department of Defense. Based upon this information, the Committee concludes that the nominee is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations governing conflict of interest.

c. FBI summary memorandum on the background investigation of Ambassador Wolfowitz

The White House provided the Committee with the summary memorandum on the background investigation of the nominee by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This document was reviewed by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, who briefed the Committee. The Committee also received the required letter from the Counsel to the President outlining the nature and scope of the FBI background investigation. The Committee concludes that there is nothing in Ambassador Wolfowitz's background, as reflected in the FBI investigation, that would render him unfit to serve as Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

3. COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

On April 17, 1989, President Bush formally submitted to the Senate the nomination of the Honorable Paul D. Wolfowitz to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, which was referred to the Committee on that date. The Committee met in public session on April 19 to receive testimony from Ambassador Wolfowitz on national security policy issues. On April 19, the Committee also met with the nominee in executive session to examine confidential financial and other matters. On May 4, the Committee completed its deliberations on the nomination in a public session.

QUALIFICATIONS OF AMBASSADOR WOLFOWITZ

1. ROLES OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy is an extremely important position, especially during this period of dynamic changes

in the international security environment. The Under Secretary is the principal staff assistant and advisor to the Secretary of Defense for all matters concerning the integration of the plans and policies of the Department of Defense with overall national security objectives. The Under Secretary plays a major role in the interagency process, nuclear weapons policy, arms control policies, international military negotiations, politico-military affairs, space policy, and the planning phase of the resource allocation process.

2. COMMITTEE'S EVALUATION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AMBASSADOR WOLFOWITZ

The Committee determined that Ambassador Wolfowitz is highly qualified to serve as Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. Ambassador Wolfowitz has had a distinguished, 17-year public career, serving in senior positions in the Departments of State and Defense and in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. His previous work on foreign policies, defense policies, and arms control policies will be a substantial asset in the position of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

After receiving a bachelor degree from Cornell University and master and doctor degrees from the University of Chicago, Ambassador Wolfowitz joined the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in 1973. In 1977, he was appointed as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Regional Programs in the Program Analysis and Evaluation Office. In 1981, Ambassador Wolfowitz began a series of assignments in the Department of State. He served initially as Director of the Policy Planning Staff and then as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs. Since 1986, Ambassador Wolfowitz has been the U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia.

A comparison of the qualifications of Ambassador Wolfowitz with the standards endorsed by the Committee indicate the following:

Standard No. 1. Nominees must be of unquestionable integrity: Ambassador Wolfowitz's public service reflects adherence to the standards of integrity expected of government employees.

Standard No. 2. Nominees must be capable of performing as members of the Secretary of Defense's management team: Based on his written and oral testimony and interviews, the Committee determined that Ambassador Wolfowitz is capable of effectively performing as a member of Secretary Cheney's management team. The Committee appreciated Ambassador Wolfowitz's understanding of his responsibilities to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Standard No. 3. Nominees should have a substantial understanding of national security policy and international security affairs: Ambassador Wolfowitz meets this standard. His service in the Departments of State and Defense and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency have provided Ambassador Wolfowitz with a solid background on national and international security issues.

Standard No. 4. Nominees must demonstrate a commitment to emphasizing overall national security goals and objectives: Throughout his career, Ambassador Wolfowitz has repeatedly emphasized overall national security goals and objectives. Moreover, Ambassador Wolfowitz has demonstrated an understanding of, and

appreciation for, U.S. national security strategy and its military strategy component.

Standard No. 5. Nominees must have substantial experience and expertise within their proposed areas of responsibility: Ambassador Wolfowitz has the requisite experience and expertise for the traditional role of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Standard No. 6. Nominees must be capable managers and administrators: Ambassador Wolfowitz's service in numerous leadership positions, particularly as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, has provided useful experience in management and administration.

Standard No. 7. Nominees must be suited by temperament for the demands of defense management: Ambassador Wolfowitz has worked effectively in complex and demanding environments, including previous service in the Department of Defense as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Standard No. 8. Nominees must have a strong commitment to public service: Nearly all of Ambassador Wolfowitz's adult life has been committed to public service.

Standard No. 9. Nominees must demonstrate an understanding of, and respect for, the Constitutional principles of the Nation including the legitimate role of the Congress: Ambassador Wolfowitz's academic training and public service have provided a firsthand knowledge of Constitutional principles.

CONCLUSION

On May 4, 1989, by a unanimous vote, the Committee on Armed Services approved a motion to report favorably the nomination of the Honorable Paul D. Wolfowitz to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed by the Senate.

APPENDIX 1

Biographical Sketch of Ambassador Paul Dundes Wolfowitz

Ambassador Wolfowitz was born in New York December 22, 1943. He graduated from Cornell University (A.B., 1965) and the University of Chicago (Ph. D., 1970). He has served in various positions in the U.S. Government, specializing in political-military affairs, arms control and strategic defense policy.

From 1966 to 1967, he served as a Management Intern with the Bureau of the Budget. From 1970 to 1973, he was an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. In 1973, he joined the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), as a Professional Staff Member in the Evaluation and Policy Division of the Plans and Analysis Bureau. In 1974, he was appointed Special Assistant to the Director of ACDA. He rose in 1976 to become Deputy Assistant Director of ACDA's Verification and Analysis Bureau. From 1976 to 1977, he served as Special Assistant for Strategic Arms Limitation Talks in the ACDA Director's Office. From 1977 to 1980, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Regional Programs.

He was thereafter a Visiting Associate Professor and Director of Security Studies at the School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. From 1981 to 1982, he was Director of Policy Planning for the Department of State. From 1982 to 1986, he was Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs. In 1986, he became the U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia.

In February 1989, he became the Director at the Department of Defense of the National Security Strategy Review directed by the President.

Ambassador Wolfowitz is married to the former Clare Selgin. They have three children, Sara, David and Rachel.

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